

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Advisory Action dated August 25, 2006.

Claims 20, 41 and 45

The present application is entitled to a priority of May 25, 1999 via its parent application 09/575,197. Since the present application has a priority date which is earlier than the publication date of WO99/50787 (XEROX), it is submitted that XEROX is not prior art against the present application under 35 USC 102, and cannot therefore be cited as prior art under 35 USC 103. Accordingly, the Applicant submits that the Examiner's maintenance of his rejection against claims 20, 21 and 45 is improper and should be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The Applicant maintains that neither Perazza nor Ogawa generating indicating data regarding the position of a nib of a pen relative to a bill document. In Perazza, the bill document is scanned by a fax-type machine, which is incapable of determining a position of a pen nib relative to the document. In the primary reference Perazza, there is clearly no pen and no nib. The Examiner is requested to explain his reasoning for maintaining his rejection based on Perazza.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections have been successfully traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

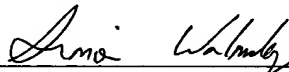
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